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THE HERALD'S PLATFORM FOR TORRANCE

- 1—Ornamental Lighting System. 2—Interchange of Freight Between P. E. and Santa Fe. 3—Western Avenue Bus Line. 4—Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway. 5—New School North of Carson St. 6—Aviation Field. 7—Co-operation of All Torrance People, Firms, Industries and Other Agencies, to Induce Torrance Workmen to Live in Torrance. 8—Adoption and carrying out of a well-conceived city plan to guide the growth and development of Torrance. 9—The conduct of All Local Affairs in a spirit of Neighborly Friendliness and Constructive Co-operation to the End That the Peace and Prosperity of All May Be Encouraged by an Alert Civic Consciousness and Patriotism.

FIRE!

With the nation annually suffering a direct property loss from fire of a half billion dollars, which does not take into account indirect losses of wages, profits, custom and good will, it is particularly gratifying to realize that in this community such losses have been cut to a minimum, and at the present rate of progress are well on the way to being almost entirely wiped out, despite the city's steady growth.

Torrance contributed only \$500 during the past fiscal year to the appalling grand total of fire losses in the United States. That represents a per capita loss from fire of about one half of one ice cream soda. The record bids fair to be eclipsed during the present fiscal year. By the happy combination of a sane building code and a volunteer fire department which ranks, by recognition of fire underwriters, as one of few such organizations in the country on a par with paid departments. Torrance has achieved this remarkable fire loss immunity with a very small cost to the taxpayers. In building up the Torrance fire department to its high standard of efficiency, not only in combating fire but in what is more important still, preventing it, the members of the department are exemplifying true public service. The department, under the direction of Chief Ben Hannebrink, has been kept up to the mark in modern fire fighting and fire prevention methods in all respects. Chief Hannebrink and Mayor John Dennis have during the past week been still further enlarging their knowledge of fire problems at the Pacific Coast and International Convention of Fire Chiefs in Portland, Ore.

The fire situation in Torrance is one which should appeal strongly to investors, manufacturers, business men and residents alike.

THE LOCAL PRESS

One of the most remarkable features of modern journalism has been the growth, development and influence of the weekly newspaper. Twenty five years ago the newspapers of the smaller cities of the land were poorly printed sheets with a large percentage of their columns filled with "boiler plate," as "canned" material, already cast in type metal, is dubbed in newspaper parlance.

Today, along with the rise of the great metropolitan papers, the local papers of thousands of growing districts have taken an influential place. The great majority are well printed. In the columns of the progressive sheets the well known "boiler plate" seldom finds parking space. They wield a large influence in politics, industrial and business progress, and even national affairs. Contemplation of the local press of the nation gives an interesting "slant" on America's unprecedented progress.

Touring California

Travel Notes of Interest and Western Highway Information Furnished by the National Automobile Club

Stanford Campus Game Preserve

Practically all of the property of Stanford University, including the campus and buildings of the institution, is included in the latest California game refuge. Governor C. C. Young recently signed a bill creating this unique game preserve.

Over 7,500 acres will be encompassed by the new refuge which includes much timber and brush land and two bodies of water, Searsville and Fell Lakes which are regarded as excellent shelter for water fowl. The timber and brush regions will make good protection for birds and small game as well as deer. Many of the latter have been seen on the ridge east of Searsville Lake.

The lowlands afford excellent ground for quail and doves and should be a good vicinity in which to release pheasants as quite a few of these birds have strayed onto the University property from the Alviso District.

Easily approached from Palo Alto, this game preserve will undoubtedly be visited by many motorists sight-seers. In fact, the refuge will probably be the most accessible one in California and it will therefore be possible for a large number of people to take advantage of the opportunity to view wild game in the open. The Department of Zoology of the University will be located near the center of the refuge with the idea of collecting much valuable data.

The co-operation of the Fish and Game Commission and Senator Herbert C. Jones has made possible the putting into effect the bill making this territory a game refuge. This bill provides for the punishment of any person who hunts, kills, destroys, or has in his possession any species of bird of animal in any game refuge without a written permit from the Fish and Game Commission. It also prohibits the possession of firearms on the preserve.

Crater Lake Roads Are Good

Roads to Crater Lake are in exceptionally good condition. From Medford, Oregon, there is a good graded road to Trail and Prospect. Careful driving is necessary on this stretch as there is considerable loose gravel. From Prospect to the park boundary is in fine condition, being a wide, hard-surfaced, graded gravel road. Excellent time can be made over this part of the road. Pavement is encountered at the park boundary and continues for three miles. Then there is a good gravel road to Anna Springs checking station.

The Park is particularly beautiful at this time of the year as there is an abundance of water in the streams, and snow along the road. There is one snowbank approximately ten feet high against the side of the hotel.

From Anna Springs to the Lodge, about five miles, the road is in good condition although a little muddy in places.

The return road from Crater Lake to Klamath Falls is also in exceptionally good condition, having been recently oiled. Dust has been eliminated by the oiling process. The Green Springs Road from Klamath Falls to the Pacific Highway is in excellent condition. There is some oiling being done on this part of the road, but traffic is flagged around and no inconvenience is experienced.

Both the road from Medford and the Green Springs Road to Klamath Falls are very scenic as the Medford road follows the canyon of the Rogue River for a considerable distance and passes through the Crater National Forest for many miles. The road from Crater Lake to Klamath Falls follows the shore of Klamath Lake which lake is famous for the white pelicans which make it their home. From Klamath Falls the road winds along the course of the Klamath River for a quite a distance and also passes through miles of virgin forest.

Redwood Highway In Excellent Shape

The Redwood Highway from San Francisco to Grant's Pass, Oregon is in excellent condition with the exception of 30 miles which is under construction. With the highway in top shape, hundreds of motorists are enjoying the trip through Northern California into Oregon.

From San Francisco to Eureka the road is in unusually good condition with the following exceptions: About one-half mile south of Lane's Redwood Flats, a steam shovel is at work, widening the road. This does not interfere with traffic. Between Lane's and Garberville a few narrow spots will be encountered. Oiling of the road north of Garberville will cause no inconvenience, as one-half of the road is being oiled at a time. Slow driving will eliminate the possibility of splashing oil on the car.

From Eureka to one-half mile south of Orick is excellent gravel highway. From this point there is 16 miles of road under construction, in alternating sections. A detour and three narrow bridges will next be encountered and careful driving is necessary. The detour is but 7/10 of a mile long. The construction work ends 6.6 miles south of the Douglas Memorial Bridge. To the bridge, part of the road is narrow and winding, and part is excellent gravel highway.

Leaving the bridge, the old country road is used for 5.7 miles and next is an excellent highway to a point 1.5 miles south of Crescent City where the road branches to the right toward Grant's Pass; thence 2.3 miles of wide gravel road. At the end of this stretch is the heaviest grade of the entire trip, but is short and no difficulty will be experienced. From the summit of the grade, there is 7.2 miles of unimproved county road. This is narrow and winding but there are many passing places. From this point, there is a gravel highway which is for the most part in good condition, although careful driving is required.

The first 21 miles after crossing the State Line is excellent, thence 13.9 miles of poor road. The last four miles into Grant's Pass is in splendid condition.

Don't Give Road Hog a Chance

"Don't give the 'road-hog' a chance to display his hogishness." That is the advice being given by the Touring Department of the National Automobile Club as it routes its members in their travels throughout the United States. It is pointed out that one of the best methods of dealing with the selfish driver is that of denying him an opportunity of getting into action. While this means of treatment cannot be used against all types of "road-hogs," it is very effective in dealing with two of the most dangerous classes, namely: the "straight-at-you" driver and the driver who speeds up as he is being passed while another car is approaching from the opposite direction.

When a driver takes the middle of the road and noses his machine straight at the approaching car, it is better to turn out and let him speed by than to contest the road with him—far better than to risk a head-on collision.

Again, it is safer to be sure that there is sufficient room to pass a car before attempting to when there is an approaching car to be considered. Selfish drivers have no signal to show that they mean to speed up as they are passed. Their satisfaction comes from giving another driver a bad scare. The careful driver can experience no satisfaction that will repay him for the chances of a "wedge-collision" which is likely to be the result of such a situation if it is not perfectly timed.

For reasons of safety, the "road-hog" that cuts close in front of another car, must also be given the right-of-way although he by no means deserves it.

Until such a time as the "sluggard" is regulated by the motor vehicle laws, a lusty toot of the horn and a sharp eye to his movements are the only means of dealing with that type of driver.

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There will be four events including ladies' singles, boys' singles (up to and including 15), junior singles (up to and including 15) and men's singles.

Entries close August 22 with F. P. Teall, 523 Pacific avenue, San Pedro, Calif. Telephone San Pedro 1892.

Players from Redondo, Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, Wilmington, Long Beach and San Pedro are expected to take part.

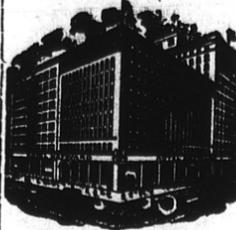
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NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE WORK OF IMPROVEMENT OF MADRID AVENUE AS PROVIDED FOR BY RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 323, PASSED MARCH 8, 1927, AND OF THE TIME OF HEARING AS TO SAID WORK AND ASSESSMENT.

The undersigned, the City Clerk of the City of Torrance, State of California, hereby gives notice that on August 4, 1927, the Street Superintendent of said city, having made an assessment pursuant to the direction and order of the Board of Trustees of said city to cover the sum due for the work performed and specified in the contract made under proceedings for the improvement of Madrid Avenue in said city initiated by Resolution of Intention No. 323 passed March 8, 1927, filed the same with me.

I hereby fix Tuesday, August 22, 1927, at the hour of 7:30 p. m. as the time and the Council Chamber of the Board of Trustees of Torrance in the City Hall of said city as the place where and when all persons interested in the work done thereunder or in the said assessment, will be heard by the Board of Trustees.

The owners, the contractors or his assigns, and all other persons interested in the said work or in the said assessment, feeling aggrieved by any act or determination of the Superintendent of Streets or the City Engineer in relation thereto, or who claim that the work has not been performed according to the contract and in a good and substantial manner, or who claim that any portion of the work for any reason was omitted or illegally included in the contract for the same, or having or making any objection to the correctness of the assessment or diagram or other act, determination or proceedings of the superintendent of streets or City Engineer shall prior to the day fixed for the hearing upon the assessment, appeal to the Board of Trustees by briefly stating in writing the grounds of appeal.

For a description of said work reference is hereby made to the above mentioned Resolution of Intention No. 323, passed March 8, 1927, by the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance.

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